

Application No.: 10/725,311

Docket No.: 22040-00022-US

**REMARKS**

Claims 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21-23, and 25 are now pending in this application. Claims 4-6, 8, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21, 23, and 25 are independent. Claims 4-6, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21, 23, and 25 have been amended; and claims 1-3, 7, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 24, and 26-35 have been canceled by this amendment.

**Anticipation Rejection over Koyanagi**

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-3, 7, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 24, and 26-35 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Koyanagi (US 6,735,608) is requested.

Claims 1-3, 7, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 24, and 26-35 have been canceled, thus rendering their rejection moot.

**Indefiniteness Rejections**

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 28-35 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, is requested.

Claims 28-35 have been canceled, thus rendering their rejection moot.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 21-23, and 25 are drawn to allowable subject matter, and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

In reliance upon the indication of allowable subject matter, claims 4-6, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21, 23, and 25 have been rewritten in independent form.

Allowance of claims 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21-23, and 25 is therefore requested.

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**Objection to the Specification**

Withdrawal of the objection to the Specification is requested. The Specification has been amended to remove reference to specific claim numbers as required by the Examiner.

**Objection to the Drawings**

Withdrawal of the objection to the Drawings is requested. Dependent claim 12 has been canceled, thus rendering the objection to the Drawings moot.

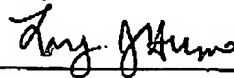
**Conclusion**

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes that each of pending claims 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21-23, and 25 in this application is in immediate condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22040-00022-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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